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FOR LEWIS FROM GARMENT

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) - RESOLUTION ON CSCE

1. SUMMARY: YUGOSLAVIAN CUBAN DRAFT TO BE PRESENTED AS NON-
ALIGNED COMPROMISE BETWEEN SOVIET RES AND WESTERN
AMENDMENTS HAS FINALLY SURFACED. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
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OF ORIGINAL FRENCH TEXT WILL BE REPEATED AT END OF

THIS MESSAGE. WESTERN ALLIES, STARTING WITH FRG, HAVE GONE SOFT AGAIN AND STARTED MUTTERING ABSTENTION. US DEL INVITES DEPT TO CONSIDER ASKING EMBASSIES TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION IN WESTERN CAPITALS. ACTION MUST BE COMPLETED FEB 25. END SUMMARY.

2. THE NONALIGNED DRAFT IS IN ITSELF A NEW CHARTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS. CONSIDERING ITS ORIGIN, IT UNDERSTANDABLY PUTS FIRST EMPHASIS ON PEACE AT ANY PRICE; SECOND PLACE AN INTERNATIONAL WELFARE SYSTEM CERDS, NIEO AND MORE; AND THE DISTANT THIRD GOES TO THOSE CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS THAT COST NOTHING. AS SUCH NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE IS DELETED FROM THE SOVIET TEXT, IT HAS BEEN WORSENERED. UNLESS THE WESTERN EUROPEANS OPPOSE THIS TEXT, THEY WILL BE JOINING IN THE CAPITULATION OF DEMOCRATIC IDEALS TO TOTALITARIAN SLOGANS.

3. ONLY WESTERN EUROPEAN REP TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT AT LENGTH WAS FRG REP. OTHERS MERELY SIGHED WITH RESIGNATION THAT THE OUTCOME WAS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE THIRD WORLD AND INSTRUCTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE RECEIVED. COMMENTS OF FRG REP ARE INSTRUCTIVE, HOWEVER, AS HE IS USUALLY FIRMEST MEMBER IN WEO GROUP. HE RECOMMENDED AN ABSTENTION ON THIS RESOLUTION ONLY, REPEAT ONLY, BECAUSE IT IS NOT SPONSORED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND AFFIRMED IN PRIVATE THAT HE KNOWS THE TEXT CONTAINS MORE PROBLEMS THAN THE ORIGINAL SOVIET DRAFT.

US DEL ASKED IF HIS GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED SUCH IMPORTANT POLITICAL QUESTIONS ON THE MERITS OR BY THE NAMES OF THE CO-SPONSORS. HE REPLIED IN THIS CASE BY THE NAMES OF THE CO-SPONSORS. US DEL WONDERS IF SUCH IS THE PROCEDURE IN BONN.

4. MEANWHILE, EXPECTATION ON PROCEDURAL SITUATION IS THAT NONALIGNED WILL MOVE PRIORITY FOR THEIR RESOLUTION OVER SOVIET DRAFT (WHICH MAY BE LEFT ON TABLE) AND US DRAFT. AFTER CERTAIN ADOPTION OF NON-ALIGNED TEXT MOTION WILL BE MADE TO ADJOURN CONSIDERATION OF OTHER TWO RESOLUTIONS. US (DEFINATELY) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND CO-SPONSORS (MAYBE) OF US DRAFT INTEND TO STICK IT OUT UNTIL THE END.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, US DEL URGES THE DEPT TO CONSIDER HAVING POSITION ON NON-ALIGNED TEXT SORTED OUT IN CAPITALS IN ORDER TO HAVE POSITIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE NOT TAKEN FOR MISTAKEN TACTICAL REASONS. THE

ISSUE ITSELF IS SIMPLE; IF THE WEST GOES ALONG WITH THE
NONALIGNED DRAFT IT WILL BE APPROVING A DECISION MAKING
POLITICAL FREEDOMS THE ITEMS OF LOWEST
PRIORITY AT THE HRC.

6. THE RUSSIANS AND CUBANS ARE LITERALLY CHORTLING.

7. INFORMAL DELEGATION TRANSLATION FROM THE FRENCH
OF NONALIGNED DRAFT FOLLOWS:

THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS,

RECALLING THE DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
TO SAVE FUTURE GENERATIONS FROM THE SCOURGE OF WAR, TO MAINTAIN
PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, TO DEVELOP FRIENDLY RELATIONS
BETWEEN NATIONS AND ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN RESOLVING
INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF AN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL OR HUMANITARIAN

NATURE, IN DEVELOPING AND ENCOURAGING RESPECT FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS
AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS OF ALL, WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RACE,
SEX, LANGUAGE, OR RELIGION,

RECALLING FURTHER THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT RELATING TO ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL
AND POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WHICH ARTICLE SIX STATES THAT "THE RIGHT TO
LIFE IS INHERENT TO HUMAN BEINGS",

CONSIDERING THAT FLAGRANT AND MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN
RIGHTS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE RESULTING FROM WARS OF AGGRESSION,
MILITARY OCCUPATION, COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, AND ALL OTHER
FORMS OF DENIAL OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, THE PRACTICE
OF APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, CAUSE INTOLERABLE HUMAN
SUFFERING AND COULD INVOLVE THE WORLD IN ARMED CONFLICTS,

CONVINCED THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC
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RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, OF THE CX DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF
ACTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER WOULD CONSIDERABLY AID THE PROMOTION NOT ONLY OF ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS BUT ALSO OF CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND
CONTRIBUTE TO REINFORCING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY,

TAKING NOTE OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND
COOPERATION IN EUROPE, IN WHICH THE PARTIES TO THE CONFERENCE,
IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOALS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
AND THE DECLARATION ON FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN
STATES, REAFFIRM, INTER ALIA, THEIR COMMITMENT TO PEACE,
SECURITY, AND JUSTICE, AS WELL AS THEIR DETERMINATION TO THE EQUALITY
OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES AND THEIR RIGHTS TO SELF-DETERMINATION, TO
PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, AND TO RECOGNIZE
THE UNIVERSAL IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,
THE RESPECT OF WHICH IS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN PEACE, JUSTICE,

AND THE WELL-BEING NEEDED TO ASSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES,

RECALLING THE APPEALS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN FAVOR OF NEW INITIATIVES THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE, SECURITY, AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS OF ALL HUMANITY, AS WELL AS THE RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,

1. RECALLS THAT EACH PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN CONDITIONS OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND TO THE FULL ENJOYMENT OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL AND CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS;

2. EXPRESSES ITS FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE FULL RESPECT FOR AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS REQUIRE CONDITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY;

3. WELCOMES WITH SATISFACTION THE EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY STATES WITH A VIEW TO REINFORCING WORLD PEACE AND THE RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS;

4. AFFIRMS THAT FLAGRANT AND MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, COULD THROW THE WORLD INTO ARMED CONFLICT;

5. STRESSES:

A. THE LEGITIMACY OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST AGRESSION, COLONIALISM AND NEO COLONIALISM, AGAINST ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN DOMINATION, AS WELL AS THE PRACTICE OF GENOCIDE AND THE MASS EXTERMINATION OF HUMAN BEINGS, APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF FLAGRANT AND MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS;

B. THE NECESSITY THAT ALL STATES CREATE BOTH BY THEIR OWN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFORTS AS WELL AS BY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THE CONDITIONS MOST FAVORABLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER FOUNDED ON JUSTICE AND THE RESPECT AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND SECURITY OF PERSON.
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